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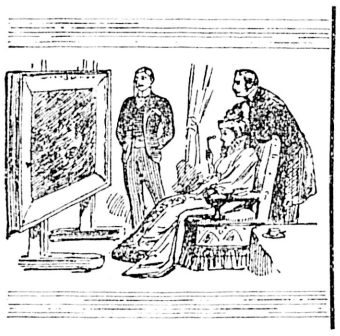

The old year is fast passing away. We soon will turn over a new leaf; look upon the picture of the past, see the mistakes of a year and make new resolutions to be broken. Don't break that resolution to buy for cash. You will have no remorse. For New Year's cheer we offer

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THE Natural History Society of British Columbia will meet on Monday, January 3rd, at 8 p m. in new Provincial Library. Captain Walbran will continue his paper on the early navigators of British Columbia. jal

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Poodle Dog Menu.

New Year's dinner at the Poodle Dog, January 1st, 1897. From 5 to 8:30. Price 50 cents.

SOUP.
Chicken. Ox Tail. Consomme.
FISH.
Boiled Salmon, White Sauce.
Baked Red Cod au gratin.
Fried Flounders au gratin.
SALAD.
Crab Mayonnaise. Cold Slaw.
BOILED.
Ham and Lounge Champagne Sauce.
ENTREES.
Eastern Oysters on half shell.
Sweet Bread Saute.
Apple Fritters, Brandy Sauce.
Lamb Chop, Mushroom Sauce.
Chicken Pie with French Peas.
ROASTS.
San Juan Turkey, Cranberry Jelly.
Prime Ribs of Beef au jus.
Goose with Apple Sauce.
VEGETABLES.
Boiled Onions, Cream Sauce.
Cauliflower. Turnips.
Mashed and Boiled Potatoes.
Baked Sweet Potatoes.
DESSERT.
English Plum Pudding Brandy and Hard Sauce.
Chocolate Ice Cream. Orange Jelly.
Mince, Apple, Lemon Pie.
Fruit Pound Cake. Lady Fingers.
Oranges, Apples, Nuts, Raisins.
Foreign and Domestic Cheese.
Cafe Noir. Table Claret 25c. per Pint.

Bank Exchange Menu.

New Year's Day, January 1,1898. 50 cents.

SOUP.
Chicken Rice. Julienne.
Consomme.
RELISHES.
Celery. Dill Pickles. Green Onions. Beets.
Radishes.
FISH.
Boiled Salt Cod, Family Style.
Fried Smelts, Hollandaise Sauce.
BOILED.
Imported Frankforth Sausage and Sauerkraut.
ENTREES.
Oyster Patties.
Ducklings a la Jardiniere.
Veal and Ham Pie Hominy Fritters.
Lamb Cutlets Breaded Tomato Sauce.
SALADS.
Shrimp Mayonnaise.
ROAST.
Beef and Yorkshire Pudding.
Sucking Pig, Apple Sauce.
Stuffed Domestic Goose.
VEGETABLES.
Brussel Sprouts. Onions. Green Peas.
Boiled, Mashed, Browned and Sweet Potatoes.
DESSERT.
English Plum Pudding Brandy and Hard Sauce
Wine Jelly.
Mince, Strawberry, Apple, Cranberry Pie.
Glass of Beer or Wine, Tea or Coffee,
Swiss and Canadian Cheese.
Assorted Fruits, Nuts, Raisins.

New Advertisements continued on page two.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

That Is How the Trade Outlook Appears to the New York Reviewers.

Half a Million Men Now Employed Who Had No Work a Year Ago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say: The new year opens with conditions radically different from those which prevailed a year ago. Great financial distrust existed then but has passed away. After a whole year of entire freedom from disturbance or alarm, in which the country has paid heavy foreign indebtedness, taken and paid many millions for stocks sent from abroad, the monetary situation is no longer a matter of anxiety. More than half a million in a few states, according to official reports, are employed now who were idle a year ago, and the general advance for the employed has gone far to restore the wage rates prevailing before the panic.

The volume of business through the clearing houses for the week has been for the month larger than in 1892, and in many industries and branches of business the latter months of this year have surpassed all records. The iron industry has been greatly encouraged by increased demand during the past few weeks and while the slight improvement in pig iron at Pittsburg has been maintained, notwithstanding the greatest output ever known, the contracts for finished products have been unusual for this season.

The shipments of boots and shoes in December were 23.6 per cent. larger than last year and 38.8 larger than in 1892, and for the entire year have much surpassed those of any other year in history.

Notwithstanding the complaint that higher prices have prevented purchases, the cotton industry is halted by the question of wages, although a general reduction seems probable. The manufacturers have been buying largely of material for worsted goods and their purchases have stimulated buying by wool manufacturers, so that the wool markets are stronger, though without change in quotation.

The New York Financier this week says: The statement of the associated banks for the week ending December 31 is an argument in favor of easier money rates. The banks since December 24 have gained in cash $5,748,200 and their net deposits have expanded nearly six million dollars. As the gains in cash and in deposits were almost identical, the reserve has increased in proportion, that is, it is about 75 per cent. for the total cash expansion. The result is that the margin of excess reserve has been increased $4,265,200, and at the close of the week stood at $15,788,750. In view of this showing, all fear of stringency over the close of the year must be dismissed.

The bank clearances for the Dominion of Canada as telegraphed to Bradstreet's were: Montreal $10,357,193, increase 23.5 per cent.; Toronto $6,812,242, increase 28.8 per cent.; Winnipeg $1,861,264, increase 34.1 per cent.; Halifax $1,061,423, decrease 7.4 per cent.; Hamilton $613,962, increase 5.5 per cent.; St. John $554,185, increase 3 per cent.

RUSSIAN COAL OIL.

Scheme to Compete With American Product in Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—According to the Star, the Rothschilds of Paris and Vienna, in conjunction with the Russian refiners of Baku (in the Caspian sea), are financing a company which proposes to supply Great Britain with high flash Russian oil of 103 degrees to compete with the Standard Oil company.

KLONDYKE OUTFITTING.

It Is Booming the Wholesale Trade of Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—(Special)—The main feature of trade in the past week has been the big increase in Klondyke orders, merchants estimating that all round there will be $500,000 worth in the next two months. One boot and shoe man claims an order involving no less than $50,000, while outfitters who have made a specialty of the trade are doing an immense business.

Great "Gobblers" for Christmas.

Despite the heavy importations of turkeys, the guests of the Queen's Hotel (fireproof) Montreal, will have all the turkey they want during Xmas week. Its the hotel to go to for your money's worth. *

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THE NAVAL RESERVES.

No Confirmation of the Rumor That They Will Be Called Out.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—No confirmation can be had of the announcement made yesterday by the Central News that the British government had decided to call out the naval reserves forthwith. Inquiries at Portsmouth, where such action would be known first, elicited the information that a majority of the naval officers were away on their Christmas holidays, and those who were at the station were ignorant of any decision of the government to call out the reserves.

CUBANS GOVERNING CUBA.

That Is the Condition of Affairs Under the Recent Concessions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Spanish Minister Dupuy de Lome takes the view that with the induction into office of the new Cuban cabinet there will be a resolution for the government of Cuba by the Cubans.

The Spanish minister regards the cabinet as an exceptionally strong organization, thoroughly representative of Cuba, as three of the members are Cuba born and have spent their lives in Cuba, and the other, Rodriguez, while of Spanish birth, has lived for thirty years in Cuba and has all his interests there.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Immense Increase in C. P. R. Land Sales—Forger Released Because of Ill Health.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific land department sales, for 1897, show the largest increase on record, 200,000 acres having been sold, for $650,000, while in 1896, only 88,000 acres were disposed of at $307,000.

Archbishop Langevin returned from St. Paul, were he paid his respects to Mons. Martinelli, the papal delegate. The Archbishop will probaby leave for Montreal on Sunday.

Robt. Grant, now in Portage la Prairie jail on a charge of forgery, will probably be released next week owing to ill health. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and has served about fifteen months.

Sir Charles Tupper has returned here from Regina.

FLOODS IN WASHINGTON.

Fourteen Inches of Rain in One Week Has Set Everything Afloat.

TACOMA, Dec. 31.—Floods have caused damage estimated at $1,000,000 in the Northwest in the past week. The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern tracks are washed out and traffic is almost suspended. The Seattle & Southwestern, the Seattle & International, the Everett & Monte Christo and other local roads have sustained severe loss by washouts and land slides. In more than a dozen Western Washington valleys bridges, fences and farm property have been swept away. Several persons have been drowned in the upper Cowlitz and the Alton river valleys. Stock has been drowned in nearly all the valleys now inundated. The town of Newaukum is floating, and between Chehalis and Centralia the Northern Pacific's main line is two feet under water.

Fourteen inches of rain have fallen since Sunday, accompanied by warm winds, which have melted the snow on the mountains, causing the greatest winter floods ever known here.

The Gray's Harbor and South Bend branch of the Northern Pacific are wholly impassable by reason of the slides and washouts. Wynoochee was flooded and everybody moved out. Five miles from Shelton the railroad is washed out and the bridge gone. Traffic between Tacoma and Portland is entirely suspended because of the slides and washouts.

Toledo, Kalso, and other towns in the Cowlitz river valley are partly flooded and the river is still rising. Trains on the Great Northern road are blocked by snow water and mud. No overland mail has arrived or departed from Everett since Sunday.

Cotton Workers' Woes.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The action of the cotton manufacturers in New Bedford and Rhode Island in deciding to join the movement to lower the wage scale in January, makes the reduction practically a general one throughout the New England States.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Four More Applications for Incorporation to Build Railways to the Yukon.

Ontario's Chief Justice Knighted—Col. Strathy Gazetted Out—Imperial Commissions.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Lord Aberdeen returned from Toronto this evening after two months absence from this city. He was met at the station by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Cabinet, Mayor Bingham and the city council, and many prominent citizens. To-night His Excellency received a cable message from Mr. Chamberlain stating that the Queen had conferred the honor of knighthood upon Chief Justice Barton of Ontario.

A militia general order issued to-day states that the resignation of Col. Bliss as deputy assistant adjutant-general has been accepted and the office has been abolished. Col. Bliss retains a clerkship in the department. The following paragraph also appears: "Fifth Battalion Royal Scots of Canada—The further services of Lieut.-Col. Strathy having been dispensed with, his name is removed from the list of officers of the militia."

The Imperial government has decided to grant three extra commissions in the regular army for competition among graduates of the Royal Military College in 1899. They are respectively for Artillery and Indian Staff Corps.

The challenge cup presented by Gen. Gascoigne for marching and firing competition has been won by the Royal Grenadiers of Toronto.

Regulations governing the employment of non-commissioned officers and men of permanent force as military staff clerks at headquarters and district headquarters are promulgated. The system of employing military staff clerks has prevailed here for some months with satisfactory results.

The Canada Gazette to-morrow will contain the following notices: General Montgomery Moore, commanding forces in Canada, has not replied separately to numerous applications he has received from those who belonged to the Imperial forces for medals whilst engaged in warlike operations in the Dominion, but he wishes applicants to understand that their letters have been noted and are forwarded for consideration in the war office in England.

Four more Yukon railway applications were filed this week. They include Stickeen and Teslin Lake; Yukon and Pacific, starting from Dyea; Ashcroft and Stickeen River, and Northern and Yukon, projected from Edmonton to Teslin lake.

Provisional Second Lieutenants R. W. Dunsmuir and J. D. Taylor, of the Victoria Battalion, Fifth Regiment, retire.

Judge Irving's appointment will be announced in the Canada Gazette to-morrow; his commission goes forward immediately.

A FAVORED FIRM.

Toronto Publishers Allowed a Monopoly of Mr. Ogilvie's Report on the Yukon.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Mr. Sifton's decision to allow the firm of Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto, to publish Mr. Ogilvie's forthcoming report on the Yukon is a very unusual procedure in connection with an official report. It will give the firm an absolute monopoly.

ONE YEAR'S GOLD.

Canada Leads in the Increase in Output—The World's Production Detailed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The director of of the mint, from information now at hand, says there is substantial evidence that the world's product of gold for the calendar year of 1897 will approximate, if not exceed, $240,000,000, an increase of nearly 20 per cent over 1896. The gold product of the United States for 1896 was $53,100,000; for 1897 it will approximate $61,500,000. Africa for 1896 was $44,400,000; for 1898 it will be $58,000,000. Australasia for 1896 was $45,200,000; for 1897 the indications are it will not be less than $51,000,000. Mexico for 1896 was $8,330,000; for 1897 estimated $10,000,000. Dominion of Canada for 1896, $2,800,000; for 1897 estimated output, $7,500,000. India's product for 1897 is estimated at $7,500,000, an increase of $1,400,000 over 1896. Russia's product for 1896 was $2,155,000; for 1897 it is estimated at $2,500 000.

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GRIM GERMAN HUMOR.

Queer Proclamation of the Admiral Upon the Seizure of Kiaochou Bay.

Any Chinamen Objecting to This Friendly Act to Be Beheaded or Shot.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The German first-class cruiser Kaiserin Augusta arrived yesterday at Kiaochou bay.

The proclamation in Chinese issued by the German admiral upon the occasion of the occupation of Kiaochou on November 14 last, will be found interesting reading. It reads as follows:

"Von Diederichs, commander-in-chief of the Imperial German eastern fleet, hereby issues the following proclamation:

"Be it known to all concerned that I have come in obedience to the commands of my sovereign, H.I.M. the German Emperor, who has instructed me to land at Kiaochou bay at the head of my forces and seize the said bay and all the islands and dependencies thereof. Having performed this duty it now behooves me to mark out the boundaries of the region held by me, which are as follows. (Here the boundaries are defined.)

"The above noted places and the area comprised within are to be held by the German forces, until the case of the murder of our German missionaries in Shantung be settled.

"In consideration of the above, therefore, I find it necessary to exhort you all, viz: the inhabitants of Tsingtao island and dependencies thereof, to peaceably continue your several avocations and avoid listening to the words of the disreputable and rowdy classes to create disturbances. As a matter of fact Germany and China have always been friendly and at peace, and formerly when China was at war with Japan, Germany used her utmost efforts to rescue China from her dilemma. This was to prove our friendship as a neighboring power. We are now here not to enemies of China, hence you need not hesitate and entertain suspicions about us. Moreover, it will be the duty of the German officers to protect the law-abiding inhabitants of this place in order to preserve the peace. But if there be any discontented characters who shall endeavor to create disturbances, they shall surely be dealt with according to Chinese laws to the extreme extent (i.e., beheaded—Translator). Further, if any German subjects here be killed the murderers will be dealt with according the German military law (i.e., shot—Translator). Hence I consider it my duty to earnestly exhort all to abstain from breaking the peace, and avoid resisting whatever the German authorities shall decide to do hereafter here. You should calculate the exigencies of the case, and you will see that you are too weak to resist. Not only will you find it to be of no advantage to you, but you will find that you will have invited destruction upon yourselves.

"Furthermore, be it known that where German troops shall be encamped, Chinese officials will still be permitted to go on with their usual duties. But if in the future these Chinese officials should receive orders from their superiors which they should find beyond their powers, they should communicate the circumstances to the German governor, General Chu (?) or Brigadier-General T'sai (?). As for the buying or selling of land hereafter, permission should first be obtained from the governor to become legal. Let all obey. An important proclamation."

NEW YEAR'S HONORS.

One Canadian in the List—The Korean Customs Commissioner Recompensed.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The New Year's honors are: An Earldom for Baron Halsbury, the Lord Chancellor; a Peerage for Sir William Wallace Hozier, the well known Lanarkshire Baronet, and Sir Horace Brand Townsend Farquhar, member of parliament for West Marylebone; Baronetcies for Sir Saul Samuel, the agent general of New South Wales in London; Sir Frederick Wigan, senior partner of the firm of Wigan & Co., and Mr. John William Maclure, M.P. for Southeast Lancashire; and a Knightage for the Hon. G. W. Burton, Chief Justice of Ontario.

The persons honored with the order of Companion of the Bath include Prof. D'Arcy Thompson, the seal expert of the British foreign office.

Mr. J. McLeavy Brown, the British consular agent at Seoul, is made a C.M.G.

LOST GENERAL'S BODY FOUND.

Sir Henry Havelock Allan Was Killed by the Natives.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31.—The body of General Henry Havelock Allan, it is announced from Fort Ali Musjid, has been found and is being conveyed to Peshawur. It appears that after visiting Lunde Kotal, Sir Henry Havelock Allan, coming from Ali Musjid with an adequate escort, left the latter in order to hurry to Jamrud. Sir Henry was prone to taking rash chances. It is not clear whether his body was or was not mutilated.

Suicide Identified.

TORONTO, Dec 31.—(Special)—The suicide of Wednesday evening in Rosedale has been identified as Geo. A. Whiting, an Englishman, who came from Ipwich in Norfolk, eleven years ago.

The Aberdeens.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—(Special)—The Governor General and party left the city this morning for the capital after a six weeks' stay. Many distinguished citizens had gathered to bid them farewell, including Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Frank Smith, and Premier Hardy.

Eating is a necessity. To the healthy, it is a pleasure; to the dyspeptic, a torture. By the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the weakest and most disordered stomach is restored to its natural condition, and food is once more partaken of with youthful relish and satisfaction.

DAVID OPPENHEIMER DEAD.

One of Vancouver's Most Enterprising Citizens Closes His Career.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—(Special)—David Oppenheimer died this afternoon. Vancouver's lamented citizen has been personally identified with the business world of many localities in British Columbia since 1859, when he came to this province from San Francisco. He moved to Victoria from Yale in 1881, and to Vancouver in 1886. When Vancouver was incorporated the same year Mr. Oppenheimer was elected alderman and was re-elected in 1887. In 1888 he was elected mayor, succeeding the late M. A. McLean, and was in turn succeeded by Mayor Cope, so that Vancouver's three first mayors have passed away.

Until his death ex-Mayor Oppenheimer was a progressive citizen and loyal to the city of his adoption, and it is a common remark to-day that as chief magistrate he was never equalled. Mr. Oppenheimer was born at Bleishastel, Bavaria, 1st January, 1832, and removed to San Francisco at 16 years of age carrying on business there, with his brother Myer in Sacramento and in Placer county till 1859 when he emigrated to Cariboo.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

A FIELD OF PROMISE.

Much more might be written of Boundary creek, but enough has been montioned to show that its progress has been real and taking into account its isolated position and its limited transportation facilities, satisfactory. Summed up its advances may be said to have included, the introduction of a considerable amount of outside capital for actual development purposes, the installation of several steam mining plants, the demonstration of the facts that the ore bodies are going down and so may be mined with profit, the wider recognition of the extent and prospective value of the mineral resources of the district, and as a natural result from all these, the general acknowledgement that railway transportation facilities should be provided without further delay.—Midway Advance.

A FIFTH PARTY.

We are not aware whether he will at once join the ranks of the Opposition, or like Speaker Higgins form a party of his own. In any case it is claimed by those who ought to know his district that his chances of re-election are not very good.—Vernon News.

A ZOLLVERREIN IMPOSSIBLE.

To effect a zollverein or customs union, with free trade throughout the Empire, not only must the people of Britain be persuaded, but the people of Canada, Australia and the other colonies must be brought to a harmony of opinion at the same time. That this task is insuperable in our time is apparent.—Vancouver World.

AN OPPOSITION SCHEME.

There is but little doubt that the ultra Liberal section of the Grit party in British Columbia will put forth every effort to secure the predominence at the coming provincial election. The screw will privately be put on every Liberal to vote against the government, while publicly, in order to secure the help of Messrs. Semlin, Cotton, Sword, etc., there will be a protest against party lines; but Liberal programmes, Liberal clubs and Liberal causes are not called to fight for the Conservative leaders of the Opposition for love of them. All the new candidates will be men with a Bostock string attached to them, and heaven help the country if that *honest* clique pulls the strings.—Kamloops Standard.

THE POTLATCH.

An Indian Protest Against This Curious Performance.

The Indians at Alert Bay recently held a meeting to discuss the proposed reinstitution of the potlatch as a lawful proceeding, and the talk resulted in a composition which one of them wrote out for publication in the COLONIST. It has been transmitted at their requeet by Mr. Alfred J. Hall, of Alert Bay, who vouches for its authenticity as a purely Indian composition. The letter, addressed to the Editor of the COLONIST, proceeds as follows:

"Having heard that in the last session of the provincial parliament a resolution was passed asking Dominion government to reconsider the potlatch question with a view to repealing section 114, and that there is to be an inquiry as to the evils of the potlatch, so we should like to tell the public what the potlatch is.

"Really and truly it is destruction to life and property, as we shall show. The first is that the women go from home to other places for immoral purposes, to get money or blanket, to give away, or potlatch, as people call it. The second is that they sell their daughters to other men as soon as possible, sometimes 12 or 13 years old—marriage they call it; the people do not care so long as they get blankets to potlatch with. And the the third is that they hate each other so much because of their trying to get one above the other in rank, as it is according to how many times they potlatch that they get the rank, and to keep it too, if they could they would even poison one another. Even now they think they kill one another by witchcraft with intent to kill, and they believe that they do kill. A man does not care for any relatives when the potlatch is in question. The potlatch is their god; they will sacrifice everything to it; life property, relatives, children or anything must go for him to be a tyee in the potlatch.

"A man after giving a potlatch will sit down, his children too, without knowing where he is going to get his food and clothes, as he has given away everything, and he has borrowed half of it, which he has to pay back double. And another thing is when they are mad with one another, they will break canoes or tear blankets or break a valuable copper, to shame their opponent. The potlatch is one fight and quarrelling and hating one another.

"And another is the desecration of the dead. The hamatsa, or medicine man, when he first comes from the woods carries a dead body in his arms, professing to have lived on such things when in the woods, and as soon as the hamatsa comes in the house the other hamatsas all get up and go and tear the body to pieces among them like dogs; besides all this they bite the arms of one another, and the other thing is that when a man gets ill he thinks he is witchcrafted and then his relatives will go and take the dead body that they think he is fixed with: they cut and mutilate it to undo the work that they think has been done to him. We have just heard of such a case from Kurtsis, of a woman's dead body having been taken out and cut to undo the work that they think has been done to a certain man. All these things are pure facts, and we are prepared to prove them if need be, and we could tell other evils, but we are afraid of tiring the public.

INDIANS.

NOT THE "PELICAN."

A Strange Steamship Arriving Is Mistaken for the Long Missing Craft.

How a Japanese Soothsayer Explains This Latest Mystery of the Sea.

Shipping men and that portion of the public most directly in touch with them were given a genuine thrill yesterday. An unjustified tremor it proved to be, and in the end going to prove simply that descriptions are unreliable factors, especially in the identification of steamers.

The basis of the short-lived excitement was the news from Otter Point that a strange steamer with two masts and a yellow funnel was passing up the Straits and apparently heading for either Victoria or Esquimalt, hugging the Vancouver Island shore. The description fitted that of the long-missing Pelican, and little importance was attached to the supplementary information that the new comer appeared in ballast—it was most likely that she had had to throw over her cargo, the hopeful ones said; and preparations were made for giving the Pelican a rousing reception.

But it was not to be. The stranger as she rounded Race Rocks and paid her respects to the William Head quarantine station, proved to be the Austrian steamship Burmah, on her way to the mines to enter into the coal carrying trade with San Francisco, having been chartered for a year to the New Vancouver Coal Co. She had left Narovan, a little port in northern Japan, on the 12th of (December), and had had a rough voyage over, in the course of which she saw no sign of the absent Pelican.

Her master, Captain Mikulitith, entertains but little doubt she has met no worse misfortune than an engine-room break, and had anticipated that the Indrapura, leaving nine days ahead of him and a faster ship, would obtain some tidings of her.

In connection with the Strathnevis-Pelican parallel, the Austrian skipper tells a story which shows that seafaring folk have not yet lost all the old-time superstitions, and which will cause many to look curiously for Honolulu advices during the next fortnight.

There is an old "soothsayer," he says, at Hakodate, for Japan has not yet abandoned all her mediæval institutions, who is regarded as an oracle by many of those who go down to the sea in ships on the Asiatic coast. This prophet it is who is credited with having foretold when and where and how the Strathnevis would be rescued many days before she actually was picked up. This fact, with his success in other similar matters, induced several of the leading pilots of Japan to visit him not long ago, and request him to read the fates as to the Pelican mystery.

"I see," he said, "the steamer that you ask for. She is stranded on a reef—a southern reef, not far from one of the Hawaiian islands. There are dead people on her. Now there is hunger, and daily boats are sent to the island beach for fruit and birds for food. The steamer has seen much trouble and disturbance, but whether mutiny or not I cannot say. Finally rescue comes—it is a British warship that brings it. And the date—the date is December 14 or 24—either the one or the other. Which, I cannot say."

There is a possibility that H.M.S. Amphion is now in Hawaiian waters, and it would be one of the many wonderful things that cannot be explained if the prophecy of this Japanese hermit should be fulfilled.

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1 a.m..	37	Mean 38	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	37		5 a.m.—12 N.
9 a.m..	38	Highest 40	1 p.m.—Calm.
1 p.m..	40	Lowest 37	9 p.m.—12 N.
5 p.m..	39		Cloudy.
9 p.m..	40		Rain—.00.

Barometer 9 a.m... {Observed ..... 30.360 {Reduced 30.342

Mean temperature for month of December, 40.8.

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C. FLETCHER,
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CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as candidate for Mayor at the ensuing Municipal Election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election

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To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. G. Smith Deputy Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the tenth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By command,
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

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BEGINNING THE YEAR.

Watch Night Kept by Many—Service To-Day at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

To-Morrow at Many Places of Worship Festal Music Will Be Given.

The churches do not look upon the New Year as a festival though especially of late years it has become a wide-spread custom to hold watch night services, spending the moments of the dying year and the opening ones of the new in prayer. Among the Presbyterians however, the New Year is regarded with special favor. This comes down from the Puritan times, for in the stern determination to put down anything savoring of the Church of Rome, in the Commonwealth time, the Christmas festival was especially frowned upon. In Scotland this feeling lasted longer than in England and the New Year replaced Christmas to such a degree that it was in comparatively recent times that Christmas began again to be generally observed there. So it comes that while in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches especially, Christmas is observed as the greatest festival of the year, the Presbyterians have their special service on the New Year.

Watchnight services were held last night at many of the places of worship in Victoria, and as is always the case the congregations were large.

There will be divine service this New Year's morning at 11 o'clock at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, with sermon by Rev. Dr. Wilson of the Church of Our Lord.

This is the only announcement for today but to-morrow services will partake largely of the festive character.

While the regular Sunday announcements are made for St. Andrew's to-morrow the congregation will begin the year by using for the first time the new Book of Praise compiled under the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

Bishop Perrin holds services to-morrow at Chemainus and for the cathedral there are no special services to note.

St. John's has special music to-morrow in the evening. In the morning there will be morning prayer with sermon by Rev. Percival Jenns at 11 and celebration of the Holy Communion. At evensong in lieu of sermon the carols will be sung which were omitted from last Sunday's service, so as not to interfere with the similar service at the Cathedral. The congregation will have copies of the carols supplied to them. The music for the day is:

MATINS.

Organ Voluntary—"Nazareth"....Gounod
Te Deum....Sullivan in D
Jubilate....Stewart in G
Anthem—"We Have Seen His Star"....E. Clare

EVENSONG.

Organ Voluntary—"The Star of Bethlehem," and the New Year's Chimes....Adams
Psalms for the day,
Magnificat....Simper in F
Nunc Dimittis....
Anthem—"There were Shepherds"....M. B. Foster
Baritone solo, Mr. R. R. Monro.
Soprano solo, Master P. Thomas.
Anthem—"We have seen His Star"....Ed. Clare
Hymn—"O come all ye faithful"....59
Vesper—"Peace, perfect peace"....537
Carols—"On Christmas Morn"....
"Across the Desert Sands"....
"One Sweetly Solemn Thought"....
"Anthem of Peace"....
"Merry Christmas Morn"....
"Carol of Four Days"....
"On Christmas Night"....
Organ solo—"Pilgrim's Song of Hope"....Batiste
Voluntary—"Hallelujah Chorus"....Handel

At St. Barnabas church there will be to-morrow: Holy euchrist at 8 a. m.; Litany, 10:30 a. m.; choral holy eucharist, 11 a. m.; choral evensong with processions, 7 p. m. The rector officiates and the following are the musical arrangement:

MORNING.

Simper's communion in E Flat.
Hymns—107, 322, 324.
Organ Voluntaries—
Slumberlied in E Flat....Schumann
Andante in C....Mozart
Andante Pastorale....Wely

EVENING

Hymns—179, 70, 214, 542.
Magnificat,
Nunc Dimittis,....Simple in F
Anthem—"O Zion that Bringest"....Stainer
Organ Voluntaries—
Duet—"I Waited for the Lord"....Mendelssohn
Duet in E....Mendelssohn
Lebanon Processional March....Westbrooke

At the other Anglican churches the regular services will be held as usual to-morrow, though no special announcements are made.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. J. C. Speer, will preach both morning and evening. At 11 a.m. the subject will be "A Call for Consecrated Effort," and at 7 p.m. the sermon will be upon "A Voice from the Skies." Appropriate music will be rendered by the choir at both services.

The services among the Congregationalists to-morrow will be largely introductory of the "Week of Prayer." The pastor, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, preaches both morning and evening, and at the close of the evening service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. The Sunday school and Bible class meet at 2:30 p.m. The Bible class is under the direction of Mr. Robert Howell, and adults are heartily welcomed to it. The Y.P.S.C.E. meets immediately after the close of the evensong service.

Bishop Cridge preaches at to-morrow morning's service at the Reformed Episcopal church and Rev. Dr. Wilson in the evening.

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THE RIVAL GEISHAS.

Promise of Two Productions at Home of This Pretty Little Opera.

There is war in a certain portion of the Victoria musical world, owing to the fact that two rival local parties are endeavoring to get up a presentation of "The Geisha." Unless some amicable arrangement for the amalgamation of the two companies is made very soon the music-loving public here will have an opportunity of choosing from two presentations of the opera in a brief space of time. Miss Marrack and Mr. J. M. Finn, bandmaster of the Fifth Regiment, are grouped, it appears, on one side, and Messrs. Austin and Algernon S. Aspland on the other. According to Miss Marrack's story she proposed a presentation here of "The Geisha" by local people some time ago, partly with the idea of giving her many pupils an opportunity for the study of opera. She was to take the position of musical conductor, but claims that objections were made, according to Mr. Aspland, by some of the gentlemen who were about to perform. They did not care to be trained by a lady. Miss Marrack refused to share the honors of conductor with anyone, claiming that it would end in a difference of some kind. The first intimation she received that her position had been usurped was in a paper which announced that "The Geisha" would shortly be presented, with Mr. Austin as conductor and Mr. A. S. Aspland as stage manager.

"I was virtually let out of the whole affair," said Miss Marrack, "and, under the circumstances, consider that I am entitled to go ahead with the presentation as originally arranged by me. However, it is possible we may be able to arrange in some way to prevent this annoying complication. I have had no rehearsals yet, but we commence shortly if nothing is arranged with Mr. Austin and Mr. Aspland."

A gentleman, who was first approached by Miss Marrack in regard to the presentation, stated yesterday that matters were indeed complicated by an unfortunate difference of opinion among the performers as to who was to be musical conductor. Mr. Aspland, he said, did not appear on the scene until after Miss Marrack's arrangements were well under way, and he thought perhaps he had been a little hasty in assuming too much in regard to the management of the play.

One rehearsal has already been held by the Austin-Aspland party, but the attendance was light. Miss Marrack will probably hold rehearsals in a few days if no amalgamation occurs.

It is the opinion of many people that Victoria is rather a small city to stand two presentations of "The Geisha" in one season. Needless to say, the unfortunate split among the principals is causing a great deal of talk in the social world.

Mr. Algernon S. Aspland, late of Daly's Theatre, New York, who is also arranging for the presentation of "The Geisha" here, stated to the COLONIST last evening that it was absurd to think of having two productions of the opera in a city of this size. The trouble appeared to be that Miss Marrack claimed the right to be sole musical director, whereas he and a number of people on the coast considered that this position should be filled by a gentleman.

"We are willing," he said, "to have Miss Marrack train the ladies and will give her due credit for her efforts in this respect, but we think that the directorship should be under a gentleman and consequently appointed Mr. F. Victor Austin. I have every confidence, however, in Miss Marrack's musical ability. This afternoon we tried to arrange matters on an amicable basis, but were not successful, and in consequence will go right ahead with our rehearsals. Mr. Finn, who is said to be acting with Miss Marrack, is also doing work for me in the matter, so you see matters are still further complicated. It is very unfortunate that there has been a split in the affair, but I think my offer to Miss Marrack is a fair one and feel justified in going ahead with the rehearsals."

Mr. Aspland further stated that the proceeds of the play they were to present were to go to the Jubilee hospital funds. He has applied for rights to produce the delightful musical farce here.

THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson's Week's Exports a Quarter Million—The Ymir Doing Well—Man Found Drowned.

NELSON, Dec. 31.—Ore shipments this week were from the Trail smelter, in matte, 120,104 tons. The total value of ore and matte exported for the week was $242,051.

The Pilot Bay concentrator last Monday commenced the shipment of its concentrates to the Omaha smelter and will continue steadily until a date has been fixed for "blowing in" the smelter.

Probably one of the richest strikes yet at Ymir has been made on the Big Patch group, the property of Messrs. Duncan Darrow and Chas. French, situate about ten miles up Porcupine creek. Specimens brought down on Tuesday showed large chunks of free gold and will undoubtedly assay up in the thousands. There is about four feet of this rich pay streak in a ledge no less than 26 feet wide.

The hockey match between the Sandon and Nelson team last Saturday resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 6 against 6.

On Tuesday the body of a man was seen floating in the water near the city wharf and was identified as that of Napoleon Boulanger, better known as "Charles Kelly," who was recently working for a Mr. Blanchard at Pilot Bay. It was stated that deceased had been drinking hard during Christmas week and was seen last Sunday under the influence of liquor. As there were no marks or bruises on him it is supposed that he fell into the lake. He appears to have been a strong hearty man of about 35 years of age. The inquest was to have been held on Thursday, but was deferred until next Tuesday until further evidence can be collected.

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BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The Empress of Germany, who has been suffering from influenza, has suffered a relapse. Dr. Zuncker, her physician, is staying at the new palace.

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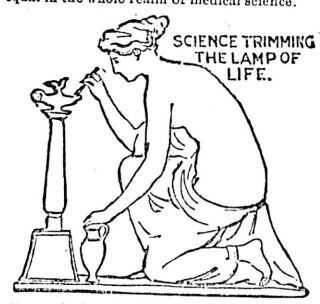

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Snow in the East.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31. — The heaviest snowstorm of the year is now prevailing throughout Western Pennsylvania. From six to 10 inches of snow is lying on the level and it is snowing hard.

Ontario Elections.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—(Special)—It is believed that the Ontario general elections will take place about the end of February.

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} VICTORIA LOCAL BOARD.

The expedition, which will be accompanied by eighty teams of horses, sleighs, and three trains of dogs, will be in charge of Hon. Edgar Dewdney ex-Minister of the Interior of Canada and ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and will be accompanied by Mr. Caldwell Ashworth, of London, a Director of the Corporation.

The expedition will proceed to Fort Wrangel on its own X 100 A 1 screw ocean steamer "Amur," or by some other suitable vessel, leaving Victoria about the 15th February.

At Wrangel it is proposed to transfer to the Stickeen River and continue the journey on the ice via Stickeen River and the villages of Glenora and Telegraph Creek, thence by snow road to Teslin Lake.

At Teslin Lake boats and scows will be built to convey the party and their outfits to Dawson City as soon as the Hootalinqua opens; that is, the expedition will follow the ice down that fine navigable stream, thereby avoiding the dangerous White Horse rapids, and arrive at Dawson City at the earliest possible date thereafter in the spring.

The plan of the Corporation is to provide shelter and good substantial food for the parties accompanying the Expedition from the day they leave Victoria until they reach the destination. While waiting at Teslin Lake for the ice to break up they will have the opportunity of prospecting the very promising ground in that vicinity. The price of the ticket covers transportation, food, shelter and the free carriage of 400 pounds baggage.

Early in January an advance party with horses will be sent up the Stickeen River to build shelters with stoves for cooking and warmth and establish supply depots.

After the Coast Range on the Stickeen River has been passed the expedition will go through a country where the snowfall is generally light and along the greater portion of which a white population has been living for some years.

The Corporation will establish trading posts at Teslin Lake, Dawson City and other Yukon points and will furnish supplies to purchasers at reasonable prices.

The price of a ticket covering the accommodations above mentioned is $500, one-half of which must be paid into the Bank of Montreal at Victoria at the time of signing the contract for transportation, the balance to be paid before the sailing of the steamer from Victoria.

As the number of persons by this route will be limited, applications should be made at once, and to secure a ticket, each applicant must, with his application forward a Post Office order for $20.00 payable to the Bank of Montreal at Victoria.

The Corporation reserves the right to select members of the expedition and will return all payments made to unsuccessful applicants.

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The provisions included in the 400 pounds of personal baggage can be purchased from the Company before leaving Victoria.

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HERBERT E. A. ROBERTSON,
8 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C.,
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Dated at the City of Victoria, the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1897.

R. T. ELLIOTT,
de4 Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Portland Inlet or Portland Canal, Cassiar District, British Columbia by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near Teslin Lake; and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways steamboats or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria the 4th day of August, A.D. 1897.

HUNTER & OLIVER,
au5 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge from a point at or near the head of Lynn canal northward along Dalton's trail or as near thereto as practicable to a point at or near Fort Selkirk in the North West Territories, with power to connect with any railway in American Territory, and to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, ways, bridges and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the proposed railway and works, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges and other aids from any government, municipal corporations, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railway, ferries, wharves and vessels, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

ROBERT CASSIDY,
32 Langley St., Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the applicants.
November 16th, 1897. n26

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and fusing to commercial use the iron ore deposits situate upon and near the coast line of the province of British Columbia, and to that end, to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads, railroads, docks wharves, houses, buildings, wharves, docks, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant and works, plate-rolling plant, tin-plating plant, and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates and generally to do all things necessary and conductive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive and perform all usual and necessary rights, powers privileges and aids for giving full effect to the intentions of the applicant herein before set forth.

Dated at Victoria, the 8th day of December, 1897.

JOHN COBELDICK,
d10 Applicant.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip maintain and operate, by any kind or kinds of motive power, either a standard or narrow-gauge railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and merchandise from Teslin Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, in a southerly direction to some point on the Pacific coast or inlets thereof, in the said Province; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, elevators and railway stations in connection therewith, and generally to carry on the business of transportation; to erect, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and any branches thereof; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes aforesaid; to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over the said railway or any of its branches; together with all such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., the 8th day of December, 1897.

H. E. A. ROBERTSON,
8 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C.,
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1897.

To say that the year just closed has been an eventful one is to speak tritely. All years are eventful in this era. But 1897 has been eventful in a wide sense of the world. It has been surcharged with incidents of tremendous interest at the time of their occurrence and weighty with influence upon the future. Whether we look at home, over the Empire or to foreign lands the observation holds good. Europe has throbbed under the action of the great forces that have been at work. Asia has felt their thrill. Africa has responded to them. America has been moved by them. New factors have entered into political and commercial life. The opening steps of new departures made have been taken in more than one direction.

Naturally the first event of the year in the memory of British subjects will be the jubilee celebration. The echo of the festivities has passed away, but their effect will long remain. By them the Empire has been knit more closely together and the nations have received a needed demonstration of the vast power of Britain and her daughters. It is hardly necessary to say that the history of the world will be very different because of the gathering in honor of the diamond jubilee of Her Gracious Majesty. We think it can be fairly claimed that this was, in its immediate and possible future influence, the greatest event of the year.

The great political feature of the year in continental Europe was the development of what is called the concert of the powers. A great deal of ridicule was heaped upon the powers for their action in the difficulties arising out of the Cretan troubles and the subsequent collision between Greece and Turkey; but the impartial historian will admit that a very remarkable thing was achieved. It was the belief of diplomats that a hostile shot fired anywhere in Europe would set the continent in a blaze. Last year established the fact that there is a force in Europe greater than any possible grouping of the powers for aggressive purposes, namely, the concert of the powers for the preservation of the peace. A half century ago, the balance of power was the shibboleth of statesmen. The idea then was that the way to prevent war was to keep the nations divided so that none of them would feel strong enough to venture on a career of conquest. The later idea is to unite the nations as guardians of the peace. The first experiment along the latter line did not work very smoothly, but in the end it was successful. The result is that the peace of Europe rests upon a more secure basis than it has for years, so far as European issues are concerned.

Four incidents have contributed to keep Asia prominently before the attention of the world during 1897. These were: The famine in India, the bubonic plague, the fighting on the Northwest frontier, and lately the seizure by Germany of Kiao Chou and the events that have followed it. The famine and the plague, terrible though they were, have afforded proof of the excellent results that have followed from British rule in that part of the world. The starving millions were relieved and the plague-stricken districts purified, not indeed without some friction, but even that only went to show how completely Great Britain has India in hand. The uprising on the frontier, while it has cost many valuable lives, was a blessing in disguise to British rule in India, for it will greatly strengthen the Northwestern frontier, the only danger point to our dominion in the East. The prestige of British arms has been enchanced in a quarter where it will count for much. Only a passing reference need be made to the recent events in China. They are fresh in the memory of all newspaper readers. Yet a word of comment may be written. So far as can be judged for from present indications, the scene of activity and antagonism between the great powers of Europe seems about to be transferred from that continent to Asia. Heavy clouds appear to be gathering in the Orient, and they may at any time break in a storm that will shake the world. There is no way of measuring the immense possibility of the events now shaping themselves on the western shore of the greatest of the oceans. In China there is a vast horde of people in a semi-lethargic condition. What may result if they are aroused into action by European influence is beyond the power of imagination. The year just passed seems likely to be memorable, if for no other reason than that it witnessed the beginning of a new order of things in the most populous portion of the world.

Turning to Africa, we find that the march of events there has been by no means sluggish. Here it has been a case of Great Britain first and the rest nowhere. In the Nile valley, in the Niger region, in South Africa the power of Britain has been steadily advancing. The year has witnessed the passing of Kruger as a political factor. He still holds the chief office in the Transvaal, but he and the rest of the world have learned that British suzerainty is more than a name and that the Union Jack must be supreme in that portion of the once Dark Continent. There has been no one event in Africa that stands conspicuously out above all others; but there have been a great many of seemingly equal importance, all tending to establish the same fact, namely, that the future of that great continent will be chiefly in the hands of Great Britain, and that its emancipation and civilization are among the coming responsibilities of the Anglo-Saxon race.

In America the event of the year was the communication to the world of the story of Klondyke, which will rank in its effect with the discovery of gold in California. As the latter gave birth to the great Western Empire of the United States, so the former will give birth to a new and equally great Canadian Empire, where the genius of British institutions will be kept active in its best form. The tariff changes in Canada and the United States will have a far-reaching effect, and will probably lead in the course of not a very long time to a reversal of the fiscal conditions under which commerce has been conducted on this continent.

In South America the most notable events, regarded from this distant point of observation, are the disappearance of the Venezuelan controversy from public attention and the promise that the point in dispute will be settled in a manner quite satisfactory to the parties to it; also the appearance in a violent form of a royalist movement in Brazil. The year has, however, been an exceptionally placid one so far as that quarter of the globe has been concerned; although the two incidents just mentioned can hardly fail to greatly affect future developments there. British power will become more strongly entrenched than ever on the southern shore of the Caribbean sea, while the shape taken by events in Brazil has been such that European intervention in the affairs of that country is by no means a remote contingency.

From this hurried and necessarily imperfect review of the history of the year, it will appear that 1897 has been memorable, not so much for what has actually been done as for the foundations for future action that have been laid. It has been a year of great significence rather than one of great deeds, one whose influence will be felt more during the next decade than during the transpiring of the incidents themselves.

Viewed from the standpoint of business 1897 is highly satisfactory. For the first time in a decade the dark cloud of depression that has been hanging over the civilized world shows signs everywhere of being lifted. There is activity all along the line and in no place more so than in Canada. Indeed this has been the banner year for the Dominion in more senses than one. We shall not on an occasion like the present make any criticism of the offer of preferential trade to Great Britain. That it was well meant we may concede; that it has done good we cheerfully admit. Hence it is immaterial to inquire now whether it was skillfully done. Unquestionably through it Canada received a prominence that was both novel and gratifying. On the heels of this came the great gold discoveries on the Yukon and those in Western Ontario, to which were added the increasing production of Kootenay. As though this were not enough, there came a bountiful harvest with prices at figures that secured the farmers a handsome reward for their labors. The consequence has been that the eyes of the world have been centered on Canada, and the Dominion may be fairly said to have entered upon a new and unprecedented era of expansion and prosperity. Without essaying the roll of prophet, we think one may say that, judging from the events of the past year, Canada's day has begun and that hereafter she will be more widely and favorably known than ever before, that population and wealth will flow in and that our domain will all over its vast area be the scene of new activity and growing national life.

Our own province has shared in an especial manner in the bounties which 1897 had to bestow. Never did British Columbia stand so high in the estimation of the world as now; never did so many people look towards it as the object of their desires; never were its imperial possibilities so appreciated; never were its prospects so bright as on this first morning of 1898, and most of this splendid promise is due to what has come about in 1897. Last year will be a red letter one in the memory of the people of this province.

We can well recall how different were the feelings with which people took leave of 1896. Few blessings followed that twelve-month into history. It was a year of disappointments. Men had looked for a revival of times, but had looked in vain. There seemed no silver lining to the cloud of gloom. To-day we all feel better. The pulse of humanity beats faster, for hope is once more in the ascendant. So when we wish all our readers a Happy New Year, it is with a feeling approaching certainty that they will enjoy it. Magnificent prospects are before us. Let us thank God and take courage. If we build wisely and well upon the foundations that 1897 has laid, we will have cause to look back to it with feelings of the profoundest gratitude.

THE Citizens' Klondyke Committee of Tacoma has wired to Washington that it does not believe a relief expedition to the Klondyke necessary, and has expressed the belief that one could not get through in time to do any good under any circumstances. Following is the telegram:

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28, 1897.

"Hon. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.: We ask in connection with supplies to be furnished by our government for relief of sufferers in Alaska that all communities be given ample opportunity to bid on same. Meanwhile we must add that we have had as yet no authentic information that any dire necessity exists caused by lack of food supplies in the Klondyke, and if the necessity does exist we fail to see how it is possible for government relief as now proposed to reach the sufferers before death eliminates such necessity. Our observation thus far as to reports of dire need is that they emanate entirely from several localities outside of Alaska and are disseminated for advertising purposes.

"In the interests of humanity Tacoma will do its full share, but we deprecate the spending of the people's money without some authentic evidence of its necessity.

"TACOMA CITIZENS' KLONDYKE COM.
"By Ed S. Hamilton, Chairman."

A COMPANY has been formed at Skagway to furnish bonds for goods carried through Canada to Alaska. This is in line with the suggestion made the other day in the COLONIST. We recommended the people of Victoria to form such a company to see to the bonding of goods across the strip of territory in possession of the United States at the head of Lynn Canal. The suggestion was not very well received. There seemed to be an idea among the business men that the government ought to look after this matter. We do not believe in looking to the government for everything, but think private enterprise should take care of its own interests to some extent. One reason why our neighbors get ahead of us is that they do not wait for the government but get in and do things for themselves.

THE Portland Oregonian has received some information from L. T. Watson, a member of the Indian council at Suxman, on the southeast coast of Alaska, in regard to the Stickeen route. Mr. Watson says the river affords "a fine frozen highway," and he believes a good horse road can be easily kept open all winter. He has associated two men with him and they are going to put a lot of horses and sleds on the route. When the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation first talked of this method of reaching the Yukon, some people expressed doubts as to the feasibility of their plans. Now there is a consensus of opinion among those best qualified to judge that it is by all means the best route to be taken.

A CORRESPONDENT complains that in speaking of the Stickeen route the other day the COLONIST did not tell about the means of getting on to the ice and going up the river. We did. We referred readers to our advertising columns, where the desired information can be found. The matter of transportation is a private affair, and we hardly feel like exploiting any private enterprise, however laudable, in the columns of this paper. We may answer one of our correspondent's questions by saying that the government is not doing anything to facilitate winter transportation except to make some expenditure where it is necessary for a sleigh road.

WE chronicle with great regret the death of David Oppenheimer, of Vancouver. The deceased gentleman has been identified with the history of the province for nearly forty years, having lived in Cariboo, Yale and Victoria before taking up his abode in the Terminal City. Everywhere he made friends by his honorable, manly and straightforward career. He was a man of high principles, great energy and shrewd business instincts, and a very useful member of the various communities in which he resided. His death is a loss to the province.

OF course there was a good reason for the failure of the City of Kingston to reach Victoria for two days in succession; but if there is not some way by which such a delay in the transportation of mails from the south can be prevented in the future, the post office department ought to get on its thinking cap and devise one. It is an outrage that this city should be without a mail from the Sound for two days. If the local post office authorities have not already made representations on the subject to Ottawa, they should do so at once.

WE are glad to see the Comox News express itself strongly and sensibly against mud-slinging in political campaigns. There has been altogether too much of that sort of thing in the province.

THE News-Advertiser says the opening of the legislature has been postponed until February because the Parliament Building will not be ready before that time. This is not the reason and the News-Advertiser had no reason to suppose that it was. Our contemporary has simply gone off at half-cock, as usual.

THE Times in its notice of Mr. Gosnell's Year Book gives credit for the engravings and binding to the wrong company. The Colonist Printing and Publishing Company is entitled to the warm words of praise spoken by our contemporary. We presume the error is purely a mistake.

A PAMPHLET entitled "Klondyke Information Bureau" has been issued by J. F. Carruthers, of Vancouver. One page is devoted to decrying Victoria. We do not think that Vancouver people whose opinions are of any value will approve of this.

THE Calgary Herald has the unenviable notoriety of being the first paper in Canada to question William Ogilvie's motives. It does this because he has been unwilling to recommend the Edmonton route to the Klondyke.

WE are glad to see the Times speak out so emphatically in regard to the relief expedition farce, and we trust that Senator Templeman has emphasized that attitude of his paper by sending a strong protest to Ottawa.

THE Seattle Chamber of Commerce declines to believe that there is not a scarcity of food at Dawson. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce understands the noble art of advertising.

THE Vancouver World thinks that an Imperial Zollverein cannot come "in our time." Brace up, old friend; you're good for a long time yet!

THE COLONIST congratulates Judge Irving, who receives a New Year's gift to-day of his expected commission. May he long live to enjoy his new honor.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Yeast—And you say your friend is out for the dust? Crimsonbeak—That's what I said. "Is he running for office?" "No; he's gone to Klondyke."

Professor — Science has enabled us to photograph the stars. Softleigh—Yaws, by Jove; and you get one of the pictabs with evhwy pack of cigahwetts, doncher know.

Modernized. — "Our clergyman forgot himself this morning." "What did he do?" "He asked the congregation to sing that good old hymn, 'From Klondyke's Icy Mountains.'"

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JOHN WILSON alias John Doe, for stealing $8 from an Indian, was yesterday sentenced to two months in jail with hard labor by Magistrate Macrae, who at the same time warned John not to come before him again.

ON ACCOUNT of next week being the week of prayer, the committee appointed to meet on Monday night to formulate a plan for carrying on work among the street boys, will meet on Monday the 10th January instead.

IT WILL give pleasure to many Victorians to learn that Commander Fleet of H.M.S. Icarus has been promoted to the rank of post captain in the Royal Navy; while Lieutenant Reginald J. Macdonald, son of Senator and Mrs. W. J. Macdonald of this city, has been advanced to the rank of Captain in the Royal Artillery.

SUPT. HUSSEY left this morning for Kamloops and Nelson where he will superintend the opening of the new jails. Each building has twenty-three cells and will give ample accommodation needed for prisoners. R. Liddell one of the guards at the provincial jail has been promoted to the position of first jailer at Nelson and accompanies Mr. Hussey. The superintendent also visits Golden and other interior towns on business connected with this department.

THE band of the Fifth Regiment, under Mr. J. M. Finn's direction, give a New Year's promenade concert at the Drill Hall this evening, the following programme being arranged:

March—"Angola".....Boos
Overture—"Jolly Robbers".....Suppe
Caprice—"Simplicity".....Moses
Selection on "Irish Airs".....Beyer
Selection from "A Milk White Flag".Guant
Waltzes—"La Gitana".....Bucallossi
Chilian Dance—"Manana".....Missud
Selection—"Bric-a-Brac".....Missud

THE committee having charge of the J. G. Brown testimonial concert has succeed in collecting amounts and settling accounts connected with that event. Messrs. P. C. L. Harris, T. H. Tennent and L. Tait had the extreme pleasure last evening of waiting upon Mr. Brown, and, with the season's best wishes, presented him with a purse containing $87. Mr. Brown responded in a feeling manner, and expressed his gratitude to his many friends and well wishers in the city of Victoria and vicinity.

UNTIL after the results of the March fur sales are known, E. B. Marvin & Co. have decided to leave their fleet of sealing schooners as they are—tied up in port. Heretofore this fleet of four or five vessels has been among the first to sail, but the prices of skins have been so low in late years that to place any kind of dependence in a sale is now out of the question. Consequently the spring sealing will this season be abandoned altogether by this firm for the first time since it entered into the business. Other sealers are, however, constantly going out, and the latest to clear has been the C. D. Rand, in command of Capt. Hans Blackstead, and with a crew of eight whites and twenty Indians. These latter the schooner goes up the Coast for, proceeding south afterwards.

THOSE who should be in a position to know exactly what they are talking about laugh at the explanation put forward by the department of public works as to the failure of the government wire to Alberni at the time of the Cleveland wreck. This explanation, as wired to the COLONIST from Ottawa on Thursday evening, is to the effect that the wire was broken in two places. In reply to this the COLONIST's original informant in the matter says that his allegations—that the wire was up and only prevented from working by the incompetency of the Parksville operator—are correct. "I can," he says, "back up my statements in this matter." If, therefore, the department over which Hon. Mr. Tarte presides, desires to investigate fully the causes of the wire's failure, it can, on application at the COLONIST office, be put on the proper track to secure valuable evidence.

A MOST enjoyable function took place last evening when the Sir William Wallace Society, in their pretty little hall, held their annual New Year's eve gathering. This year, at the request of many of the young people of the society, the entertainment provided was of a somewhat different character from that of former years, it being decided to have a masquerade ball. The customary entertainment, consisting of fancy dances, etc., will be held two weeks later. There were nearly seventy-five couples present last evening, the majority of whom were in costume. Prizes were given for the best character and comic costumes, the best sustained characters in the former being Mr. O. Gilmaster and Miss Leona Sebert, and in the latter Mrs. Berthram and Mr. O. Beele. The music was all that could be desired, and until an early hour dancing was indulged in by the sons and daughters of "Bonnie Scotland." Some of the costumes worn were strikingly original in conception, and the scene presented when the dancers were in motion was indeed a pretty one. During the evening refreshments were served.

THE Germania Concert hall opened last evening with a crowded house and a good programme.

THE first candidate in the field for election to the board of school trustees is Mr. William McKay, the well known stonecutter.

MR. F. OLIVER, of the Dominion Express Co., is mourning the death of his mother, which sad event occurred last Friday at Kington, Ont., she being of the ripe old age of 88 years.

THE Sons of St. George and a good number of their friends had a social jollification in their rooms in the A.O.U.W. hall last evening. Singing, dancing, eating, drinking and other pleasures that go to make the time pass merrily were indulged in.

THE ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church hold their next social tea on Monday, from three to six o'clock, with Mrs. Dr. Wilson and Mrs. George Langley, corner of Menzies and Quebec streets. Members of the congregation, and their friends are cordially invited.

THE Vancouver World wires its New Year's congratulations thus characteristically: "The Klondyke is in Canada. May we all share in the stream of wealth it will pour out during 1898." Another New Year's greeting received by the COLONIST from Vancouver is from Lieut.-Col. Worsnop and officers of the Second Battalion Fifth R.C.A.

HAVING successfully survived the operation of stuffing their little selves full of plum pudding, cloyed their taste for candy and come safely through the doctor's hands, the youngsters of Victoria have only one thing left to make their happiness complete. This is a treat that has been specially prepared by the province this year, not only for the children of Victoria, but for all the youngsters in British Columbia of school age. The board of school trustees have particular charge of the treat in so far as Victoria is concerned, and the teachers of all the schools will preside and do their best to make the proceedings as successful as possible. The youngsters will no doubt go wild with delight when they read this little paragraph and will be tumbling over each other in their eagerness to be sharp on time, for this treat, which takes place at sharp half-past nine on Monday, is—the re-opening of the schools.

JOY was indeed unconfined last evening when the Companions of the Forest held their annual ball in A.O.U.W. hall. The attendance was even larger than usual and everything combined to make the function this year more than usually successful. The hall was tastefully decorated with Union Jacks, potted plants and evergreens, and the floor was in splendid condition. As prizes were given for the best character costumes representing the four seasons of the year, the ladies fairly outdid themselves in the selection of charming costumes. These latter were seen to advantage in the grand march, which was led by Chief Companion J. G. Thompson and Past Chief Companion Mrs. Coates. About seventy-five couples participated in the festivities until an early hour. Refreshments were served during the evening. The successful and thoroughly enjoyable evening was due in a great measure to the painstaking efforts of the committee, Mrs. Coates, Hawk, Abbott, Davie, Landbreath and Botherstall, and Messrs. Thompson, Smith, Rennie and Bantly.

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Magistrate Macrae Will Not Decide the Coltart Case Without Due Consideration.

Counsel on Both Sides Have Some Lively "Spats" During the Argument.

The preliminary hearing of the criminal libel charge against Mr. Ivan Coltart was concluded yesterday in so far as evidence and argument were concerned, and now there remains only the decision of the police magistrate to be given. He had such a number of authorities quoted to him by counsel on both sides that he decided to take time to look into the cases cited. There were a number of sharp passages between counsel yesterday that frequently interrupted Mr. Cassidy's argument for the prosecution, and in consequence it was not until late in the afternoon that he finished his address. It was decided, in view of counsel being otherwise engaged next week, that the hearing of Mr. Nichol's case should be adjourned for a week.

In opening his argument, Mr. Cassidy said that he proposed in the first place to deal with the question of the character of the libel complained of in relation to the nature of the proceedings instituted for its punishment. His learned friend had objected to criminal instead of civil proceedings being taken by the prosecution. Now there was something of irony in that suggestion, in the face of the fact that by an extraordinary ingenious contrivance, which reflected much credit upon the skill of the person who originated it, the newspaper company had placed itself in such a situation that anyone bringing an action against it would be unable to recover one farthing.

Mr. Martin here jumped up with the remark that Mr. Cassidy was travelling outside of the record.

"He says this company is practically bankrupt," Mr. Martin observed. "It's an absolute falsehood."

Mr. Cassidy disclaimed having said anything of the kind, and remarked that Mr. Martin was making a perfectly unwarranted statement. He had not said a word about the financial standing of the individuals who constituted the Province company.

Mr. Martin still claimed that this had been done, and called Mr. Cassidy's remarks highly improper and unprovoked.

Magistrate Macrae—"I have not yet heard from Mr. Cassidy anything of the kind. I did hear him say that he could not have recovered anything in a civil action."

Mr. Cassidy—"Yes, I am going to explain."

The Magistrate—"It is not a question of the ability of the company to pay as I understand the remarks, but of the plaintiffs being unable to recover from them."

Mr. Martin—"What's the difference; and what right has he to say so? I ask you to stop it and to protect my client. It might just as well be asserted that Mr. Turner had given a chattel mortgage on his private property to some one and that nobody could recover from him in a suit. It would not be proper for him to make such an assertion and for the same reason it was just as improper to say that the accused could or could not pay."

Mr. Cassidy replied that he had never intended to make a reflection on the financial standing of the company or of any of the individuals who composed it, but he did say that there was something of irony in the suggestion by Mr. Martin that Messrs. Pooley and Turner should have instituted civil proceedings against the newspaper, which was the only body responsible for the publication of the libel. It was well known that persons who joined together as a company were entitled to make provision under the limited liability act, that the members could only be liable in any proceedings against the company to pay the amount of unpaid stock or shares standing against their names. Now in the case of the Province, as the shares were fully paid up, and none of the members of the company were liable for anything but amounts unpaid on shares,—in fact, as there was nothing unpaid, there was no method to recover a farthing from that company.

"Infamous, improper in the highest degree," exclaimed Mr. Martin, again interrupting the flow of Mr. Cassidy's remarks. "This comes back to what I stated already. How does he know the shares are fully paid up. How does he know that the Province has not a $1,000,000 of capital? I can only express my surprise and regret that such statements are allowed in this court, and I protest emphatically against allowing Mr. Cassidy to cast reflections of this kind."

The Magistrate—"Mr. Martin, when you address the bench do so quietly and respectfully."

Mr. Martin had, he said, no intention of showing disrespect to the bench, but could allow no consideration to prevent him protesting against what he considered should not be allowed.

Mr. Cassidy, continuing his argument, remarked with regard to what Mr. Martin had said, and in spite of that gentleman's assertions it was apparent to any one who looked through the evidence, that the plant, the furniture, in fact everything necessary to get out the paper, were put into the hands of the publishing company.

"Outrageous, monstrous," ejaculated Mr. Martin at these remarks of his learned friend.

The Magistrate—"Mr. Cassidy, that was not in the evidence."

Mr. Cassidy—"It was certainly brought out in the evidence that the newspaper company were merely lessees of the publishing company, that the building, the printing presses, the furniture, were the property of the publishing company, and that not even the chair in which the editor sat apparently belonged to the newspaper."

Mr. Martin.—"Outrageous."

Mr. Cassidy then went on to deal with Mr. Martin's argument that a criminal prosecution was not proper in this instance. He quoted largely from authorities on libel. The libel against the Premier and Hon. Mr. Pooley while contained in a political article incidentally aspersed their private characters. He proceeded to read the article complained of and said the charges there of dishonesty were as gross as could be made against any public man. It was a libel of such a nature as might have had an effect on the public peace and of a kind that the highest authorities laid down could be dealt with by omitting the preliminary steps leading up to trial, and issuing the fiat of the attorney general to call up the defendants to answer for the libel. But Mr. Turner and Mr. Pooley did not wish to take advantage of their position in the government to obtain the fiat of the attorney general. They preferred to take the ordinary process of law like any private individual.

Turning to the authorities on libel Mr. Cassidy quoted at considerable length, citing many cases. The defendant, he argued, was in the position of a person in charge, and even though he might not have been aware of the particular article he was aware of the general course the editor had taken and was responsible for that course. He picked up a Province of December 4 (one of the papers in which Mr. Coltart had recognized one of the articles), but Mr. Martin objected to this being brought in as he claimed the paper could not be cited un-

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Dogs for the Northern Trails—Steamer Quadra Goes Out of Commission.

The last of the British Columbia salmon fleet for 1897, the German ship Adelaide, has sailed, and the exact result of the season's work can now be estimated. The Adelaide cleared from Steveston for Liverpool with a cargo of 54,093 cases, valued at $216,372. The returns of the Lebu's cargo, which have also just been received, state that she carried 31,352 cases of salmon, valued at $125,408. Altogether twelve vessels salmon-laden from British Columbia have sailed for the ports of London and Liverpool. Their total cargoes aggregated 707,166 cases, and the value of these is placed at $3,141,304. Word has been received here that the British steamship Tekoa has arrived at Liverpool with the first cargo of British Columbia salmon that has this year reached the English market.

THE VESTA'S FATE UNSETTLED.

Collector Milne will to-day endeavor to find out from the owners of the wrecked schooner Vesta what they intend doing with that vessel. A man is still in charge of the wreck, and that means that the owners retain possession. As the vessel lies perched high on the rocks about four miles west of Carmanah point she is almost valueless save for her equipment and this is worth considerable. If the schooner passes into the hands of the collector she will be sold without delay just as she is.

OUT OF COMMISSION.

The crew of the government steamer Quadra were yesterday paid off and the steamer went out of commission for a month or so, unless some unforseen work arises meanwhile.

DOGS FROM QUEEN CHARLOTTE.

The steamer Mischief, which left port about a month ago on a dog hunting expedition, is on her way home with a cargo of good "huskies," and should arrive some time about the beginning of the week. There are in the load about 100 dogs, all of which are thoroughly broken and ready to be put in harness. The steamer has also eight tons of dried salmon aboard. Her agent for this trip is Mr. C. W. Tolson, and he is to be found in room 21, Board of Trade building.

NORTHERN RIVER BOATS.

The contract for building the two new river steamers for the Hudson's Bay Co., referred to in the COLONIST a few days ago, has been let to the British Columbia Iron Works of Vancouver, and the vessels accordingly are to be built in the Terminal City. Mr. R. H. Hall, of the Hudson Bay Co., signed the contract in Vancouver on Thursday, the vessels to be ready for service by the fifteenth of April. As previously stated, the steamers are to be 140 feet long, 30 feet beam, and of light draught. Each will be capable of accommodating 200 passengers and of carrying large freights.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz sails for Naas river and way ports this evening.

Steamer Boscowitz sails for Naas river and way ports this evening.

Steamer Maude has gone to Texada, and returning will call at Departure Bay for coal.

The German ship H. Bischoff, 2,708, is en route from Melbourne for this port for orders.

Tug Tyee was in from the Sound yesterday and left in the evening for Barclay Sound to tow the disabled Cleveland to Tacoma.

The C.P.R. bulletin yesterday reported the arrival of the Anchor liner Anchoria from Glasgow at New York on Thursday.

Steamer Umatilla sailed for San Francisco at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, laden to her capacity, but twenty-six hours behind her schedule in consequence of unavoidable delays.

Steamer City of Kingston, on her regular run, is promised to arrive at 5 o'clock this morning and sail at 8. The old reliable will also make an extra trip to-morrow, and next week she will be replaced by the side-wheel steamer Ocean Wave, which will continue to run on the Kingston's route until such time as the latter's overhauling is complete.

ENTERED.

Str. Charmer	from	Vancouver.
" Tyee	"	Port Townsend.
" City of Nanaimo.	"	Nanaimo.

CLEARED.

Str. Charmer	for	Vancouver.
" Tyee	"	Barclay Sound.
" Clayoquot	"	Nanaimo.
Schr. Lulu	"	Boundary Bay.

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If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly oft heir worth. They are small and easy to take.

Boys' and Men's Sweaters, 75c., $1.00, $1.25 upwards. B. Williams & Co.

THE CITY

Steamer City of Kingston will make an extra trip Sunday, January 2nd, leaving here at 8 a.m. for Puget Sound points. x

THE Fifth Regiment have decided to give an assault-at arms in the Drill hall on Thursday evening, the attractions to consist of mounted sword contest, fencing with single stick and foils and other events of a military nature. The band will be present, seats will be arranged for spectators and the floor will be sanded to give sure footing to the horses taking part in the mounted contests. The Fifth intend making the assault very attractive in a military sense, and as everyone delights in such sport there will undoubtedly be a crowded house.

UNDER the auspices of the Epworth League a concert was given in the school room of the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening, when a large gathering listened with attention to an address by Rev. J. C. Speer and a splendid programme rendered by the young people. Mr. E. A. Lewis, in a happy manner, filled the chair, and the programme provided was as follows: Vocal duet, Misses Henderson; recitation, Miss Watkins; song, Miss Hitt; quartette, "O'er the Downs"; recitation, Mr. G. Eaton; quartette, basso profundo; reading, Mr. A. Charlton; duet, Mrs. Giffen and Mrs. Johnson; instrumental solo (violin) Noel Barker; song, Mr. Hicks; reading, Mr. Weeks; song, Mr. Brownlee; song, Miss Clark; recitation, Mr. Jackman; instrumental duet, Messrs. Piper and Oliver; reading, Mrs. Knott; and quartette, "Now the Bells."

THOSE who have not received Oregon or California mail for the better part of a week are beginning to wonder why it is that the postal authorities display so little interest in seeing that the mails get through. Even if the Kingston has missed days' running, passengers succeeded in getting through—by the north bound steamers calling here, or as yesterday by the liners bound from Puget Sound to San Francisco. Why then could not the same vehicles of communication be utilized in an emergency for the handling of letter mail? The difficulty fortunately appears now to be a thing of the past, for the Kingston is announced to be coming over on time this morning with the accumulated mails, and she will also make a special trip tomorrow bringing the Grau Opera Company.

THE funeral of the late George W. Haynes, whose death after a protracted illness occurred on Thursday morning, will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock from the residence, 96 John street, and a few minutes later from the Centennial Methodist church. Mr. Haynes, who was well known and highly respected here, was a native of Trenton, Maine. He was in his 64th year. After engaging in the lumber business in Maine with his father, deceased moved to California and finally settled down in British Columbia in 1861. After engaging in lumbering operations in the province he joined the real estate firm of Heisterman & Co., in which he continued until a couple of years ago. Mr. Haynes had a host of friends in the province and particularly in Victoria. He was a member of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge A. F. & A. M.

INTERESTING and unique watch night services and an entertainment were held last evening in the Indian Mission church on Herald street. Rev. Thomas Crosby, who has labored so indefatigably and successfully among the Indians of British Columbia, had charge of the services and he was ably assisted by Rev. Mr. Betts of the Gorge road Methodist church. The proceedings were heartily entered into and enjoyed by a well conducted and musical audience of Indians making perhaps a hundred. Songs were rendered in Chinook and also in English by a number of sweet voiced Indian women, who showed unmistakeably what splendid work Mr. Crosby has done amongst them. The proceedings were enlivened by magic lantern views and "Poor Lo" showed both an excellent humorous side and a hearty appreciation of what is good, as the varied scenes and sketches were thrown on the canvas. Mr. Betts delivered an address on New Years, the reason it is observed, etc., and gave some advice appreciable both to the Indian and his pale-faced brethern. His remarks were interpreted in Chinook by Mr. Cirby. The Rev. Mr. Swinnerton also delivered an excellent address. After refreshments had been served, watch night services were commenced and were participated in by a large number.

A NEW candidate for alderman has appeared in the person of Mr. Thomas Bradbury, who intends to run for North Ward in the coming elections.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

DECISION IS RESERVED.

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less it was shown to contain a defamatory libel. The article of December 4 was, he claimed, answered by the interview of Mr. Turner's which appeared in the COLONIST of December 5, and therefore it could not be made the basis of an action in libel afterwards.

Mr. Cassidy maintained that the prosecution had a perfect right to bring in the paper as evidence to show that the defendant, so far from being ignorant, knew the general line pursued by the editor. It was quite open to the defence, if they could, to show that there was no negligence on his part.

After a long wrangle between counsel, the magistrate ruled that Mr. Cassidy could read the article in the issue of December 4, which he proceeded to do. He also read an article from the Province of a previous date, for the purpose of showing that the article on which the information was laid was the culmination of a regular course followed by the editor, and of which Mr. Coltart was cognizant, as he had read the articles. He argued that Mr. Coltart had been actually acting as manager of the Province, and that he was aware of the character of the articles that the editor was writing.

Mr. Martin closed the argument by briefly maintaining that even if Mr. Wolley's evidence had shown that Mr. Coltart acted as manager up to June 19, still there was no evidence to show that he did after that date, and his own evidence was to the effect that he had not known of nor did he know anything about the alleged libel until after its publication.

Magistrate Macrae reserved his decision, to obtain time in which to go through the many authorities which counsel had quoted.

Mr. Nichol's case was adjourned for a week, and after the magistrate had expressed the hope that the gentlemen present might enjoy a Happy New Year, the court adjourned.

Seems as if consumption always picks out the brightest and best. Fully one-sixth of all the deaths that occur in the world are caused by consumption. Many things were once considered impossible. It would be strange if medical science did not make some progress. The telegraph and telephone, the phonograph, the electric light—all were once impossible, and once it was impossible to cure consumption. That was before the time of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Taken according to directions, this standard remedy will cure 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption. Consumption is caused and fostered by impurity in the blood. It is cured by purity and richness in the blood—surely, certainly cured by the "Medical Discovery." It builds up solid healthy flesh and vigorous strength.

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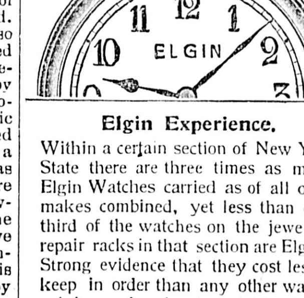
A HOUSEWARMING was given Mr. James McArthur, of Rae street, Esquimalt, on Wednesday last, on the occasion of his entering his new home, Strath-Doon. Naval, military and civilian friends, numbering about forty, headed by a fife and drum band, and loaded down with plenty of good things in the edible line, surprised the family, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in singing and dancing.



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GRAU'S GREAT OPERA COMPANY

Opens Monday in "The New Mascot"—The Operatic Event of the Season.

There is no doubt but the operatic event of the season will be the advent of the Grau opera company at the Victoria theatre, commencing Monday, January 3, at popular prices—25, 50 and 75 cents. There is no organization of a like character in this country to-day that ranks higher in the public estimation than does the Grau company, for their representations have always been carried out to the letter. They have always avoided any claims that they could not justify, and theatre-goers have come to know that an organization bearing the name of Grau has upon it the stamp of genuine merit. The papers everywhere have been profuse in their praise, not only of the personnel and ensemble of the company, but of the repertoire and of the magnificent manner in which the various productions are costumed. Other companies of much repute have put prices at $1.50, but Grau has kept to the popular vein, and the press everywhere has ranked the Grau company higher than the others, and said Grau's should be the company to charge advance prices. Grau will begin his season of opera with an up-to-date production of the "New Muscat," introducing the famous "Kentucky Babe," "Billy Daly's Girl," sung by the world's greatest boy tenor, little Willie Kirst, and the grand finale from the great opera, "El Capitan"; Tuesday, "Martha": Wednesday, "Chimes of Normandy": Thursday, "Il Trovatore"; Friday, first time here of the great London success, "Indiana"; Saturday matinee, "Bohemian Girl"; Saturday night, "Boccaccio" and the famous widows. Manager Grau states that Monday night's production will be one of the finest ever seen in the city.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

ASSESSMENT ACT.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows.—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City:—At 51 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 10th and Tuesday 11th days of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak, on Friday, the 7th day of January, 1898, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 8th day of January, 1898, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 31st day of December, 1897, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar, known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 6th day of Dec. 1897.

S. PERRY MILLS.
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

ESQUIMALT & NANAMO RAILWAY CO.

NOTICE.

To prospectors, miners and holders of mineral claims on unoccupied land within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company land grant *FOR ONE YEAR ONLY* from the date of this notice the Railway Company will sell their rights to all minerals (excepting coal and iron) and the surface rights of mineral claims at the price of $5.00 per acre. Such sales will be subject to all other reservations contained in conveyances from the Company prior to this date. One half of the purchase money to be paid ten days after recording the claim with the Government, and a duplicate of the record to be filed in the Company's Land Office, Victoria, on payment of the first instalment. The balance of the purchase money to be paid in two equal instalments, at the expiration of six and twelve months without interest. Present holders of minerals claims who have not previously made other arrangements with the Company for acquiring surface and mineral rights, are hereby notified to at once make the first payment on their claims, as otherwise they will be deemed and treated as trespassers.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Victoria, B.C., June 1st, 1897. je5

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Municipal Notice.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, from 12 (noon) to 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing four persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the returning officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, in the Court-room at the City Hall, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 30th day of December, 1897.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
d31 Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1898

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be Nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room in the City Hall, aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, at Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, at the building known as No. 68, Vernon Block, Douglas street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, at No. 27 Government street (East Side), of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British Subjects, of the full age of Twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria, of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

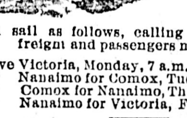
The Persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British Subjects, of the full age of Twenty-one years, and not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the land Registry Office of Land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 30th day of December, 1897.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY CO.

Commencing Monday, November 1, 1897, the



STEAMER
City of Nanaimo,
W. D. Owen,
Master.

will sail as follows, calling at way ports as freight and passengers may offer:

Leave Victoria, Monday, 7 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Comox, Tuesday 7 a.m.
" Comox for Nanaimo, Thursday, 8 a.m.
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TIME TABLE No. 29.

To take effect at 7 a.m on Thursday, Nov. 4, 1897. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH—READ DOWN.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	9:00	3:00
Ar. Nanaimo	12:15	6 11
Ar. Wellington	12:40	6 30

GOING SOUTH—READ UP.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Ar. Victoria	12:07	7:00
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:51	3:48
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:30	3.30

For rates and information apply at Company's offices.

A. DUNSMUIR, President. JOSEPH HUNTER, Gen'l Supt.
H. K. PRIOR, General Freight and Passenger Agent.
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C. P. Navigation Co. Ld.

TIME TABLE NO 31.
Takes effect November 18th. 1897.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 1 o'clock.
Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.
For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.
For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.
LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock
For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.
For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. And for Skidgate on first of each month.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Tees leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 15th and 30th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager.
G. A. CARLETON, General Agent.
Victoria.

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10:[illegible] a.m.	Rossland	3:25 p.m.
9:[illegible] a.m.	Nelson	5:20 p.m.

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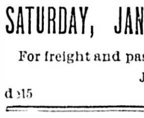

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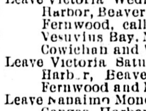

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Will sail as follows.

Leave Victoria Wednesday 7 a.m, for Fulford Harbor, Beaver Point, Ganges Harbor and Fernwood, calling on the return trip at Vesuvius Bay, Maple Bay, Burgoyne Bay, Cowichan and Victoria.
Leave Victoria Saturday, 7 a.m., for Fulford Harbor, Beaver Point, Ganges Harbor, Fernwood and Nanaimo.
Leave Nanaimo Monday, 1 p.m., for Fernwood, Ganges Harbor, Beaver Point, Fulford Harbor and Victoria.

For freight and passage apply on board or at Spratt's wharf. de29

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
No. 24-'97.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the Legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at 23 Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No 30 Broad Street, Victoria, and Caldwell Ashworth, gentleman and free miner, of same address, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are—

(*a*) To acquire in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by purchase, lease, concession, exchange or otherwise, mining property, claims, water rights, and also including lands, mines, mining rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals and rendering them marketable metals, including also all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or supposed to be useful in mining, milling, treating or reducing ores or minerals, and any concessions, grants, decrees, claims, rights or privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of any such concessions, grants, decrees, claims, or privileges.

(*b*) To carry on all kinds of exploration business and, in particular in relation to mines and minerals, to seek for and secure openings for capital, and with a view to any of the objects aforesaid, to prospect, enquire, examine, explore and test, and to despatch and employ expeditions, commissions, experts or other agents. To establish and carry on general stores and to manufacture, import, export, purchase and sell articles for sale therein in Canada, England or elsewhere, and carry on any works in connection therewith, and to carry on business as traders, merchants, storekeepers, general dealers, brokers, hotel, restaurant, cafe, tavern, beerhouse and refreshment room keepers, licensed victuallers, wine and spirit merchants, proprietors of clubs, baths, places of amusement and shops, tobacco and cigar merchants, carriage builders, wheelwrights, horsedealers, newspaper proprietors, booksellers, printers, publishers, stationers, miners, farmers, stockmen, graziers, carriers, builders and contractors, brickmakers and any kindred trade or business which may be conveniently carried on in connection therewith, and all kinds of agency business and any other kind of business which seems calculated directly or indirectly to further the working and development of any concession, rights or property of the Company or otherwise benefit the Company.

(*c*) To carry on all kinds of promotion business and in particular to form, constitute, float, lend money to, assist and control any companies, partnerships, associations, or undertakings whatsoever.

(*d*) To acquire by purchase, lease, license, or otherwise, absolutely or conditionally, the rights, either generally or exclusively, over any area or areas of or in all or any patent rights or processes or mechanical or other contrivances useful or supposed to be useful for any of the purposes of the Company, and to deal with or dispose of the same or any interest therein respectively.

(*e*) To lay out towns, and villages, on the lands acquired or controlled by the Company, and to construct, maintain, alter, make and work railways, tramways, telegraph lines, canals, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotels, boarding houses, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas and water works, piers, wharves, buildings, machinery and other works and appliances of every nature and description, which may be expedient or useful or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing, and carrying on, and working the same.

(*f*) To carry on any business, the carrying on of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.

(*g*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Company.

(*h*) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands and hereditaments by building, planting, clearing, mining, and otherwise dealing with the same, and to stock the same or other lands, to cut and to sell timber, and generally to mine and carry on all sorts of mining operations in the Dominion of Canada, or any other part of the globe.

(*i*) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, settle, improve, colonize, farm, and cultivate lands and hereditaments in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere.

(*j*) To stock the same or other lands, and to breed and deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep and produce.

(*k*) To work and carry on all or any mines, works and properties from time to time in possession of the said Company in such manner as the directors for the time being may determine; to erect all necessary mills and machinery, and appliances, smelting works, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses and other buildings; construct, maintain, and alter canals, railways, watercourses, tramways, telegraph lines, or any other lines or system of communication whether by telegram, telephone, phonograph, phonophone, or otherwise, by electricity or by pneumatic force or otherwise, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, gas and water works, drainage works, irrigation works, wharves, piers, and other works of every nature and description, purchase, rent, hire, or charter wagons, steam or sailing ships, to enter into and carry out such contracts and arrangements as may be deemed necessary and desirable to enable the Company to carry on its business and for the general conduct and management of its affairs and the doing of all such other things as may be found incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, whether in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere.

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(*m*) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair, let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds. To carry on the business of carriers by land and water.

(*n*) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government, British, Colonial or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions.

(*o*) To obtain any act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or foreign legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect.

(*p*) To promote, form and register other Companies, in England or in any Colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for all or any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum, or for advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, and to take or otherwise acquire and to underwrite and hold shares, debentures or other securties in or of any such company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such company.

(*q*) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.

(*r*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such Company. To aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly societies.

(*s*) To carry on all kinds of financial or banking business, and in particular to negotiate loans and advances, to offer for subscription, place, buy, deal in, make merchantable, sell and dispose of ores, minerals, goods, bullion, specie, and valuables of all kinds, and merchandise generally in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain, or elsewhere, and to receive money on deposit, and to collect revenue of all kinds.

(*t*) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, where necessary. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.

(*u*) To make, accept, endorse and execute, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. To lend money, and in particular to persons having dealing with the Company. To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future) including its uncalled capital or any specified portion thereof. To guarantee the performance of contracts by members of, or persons having dealings with the Company.

(*v*) To acquire patent rights and privileges in the United Kingdom or any other country or colony or state for any purposes deemed to be useful for the Company, and to resell the same or turn the same to account by manufacturing thereunder, granting licenses or otherwise.

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(*x*) To pay the costs, charges, and expenses of, or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up.

(*y*) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any colony or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any colony or foreign state.

(*z*) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in partnership or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or guaranteeing or underwriting capital for the Company or otherwise.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
de11 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No 11-'97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Star Exploring and Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Terre Haute, State of Indiana, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $50,000, divided into shares of the par value of $1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in Victoria, and E. E. Wootton, Barrister and Solicitor whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

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Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of December 1897.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session upon behalf of the Manufacturers Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, for an act to change the name of the said Company, to "The Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company of Canada," or such other name as the Parliament of Canada will permit and the Directors may approve of, and to ratify and confirm the By-Law passed by the said Company providing for the issue of Preference Shares in the said Company.

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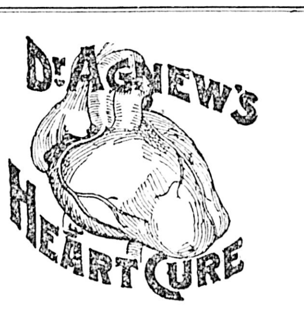

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TO-DAY'S SPORT.

Football Games to Be Played This Afternoon at the Hill—Basket Ball.

At Beacon Hill this afternoon the fourth game in the intermediate championship series will be played between the Columbias, Victoria, and the Victoria Y.M.C.A. Both teams have won one match and have not yet been defeated, meeting to-day for the first time in the League series. There have been two friendly games between them this season, the first being a draw and the second won by Y.M.C.A., three goals to one, but a closer idea of the comparative strength of the teams will be obtained from the scores of each against Victoria College in the league series. The Y.M.C.A. defeated the College at Caledonia grounds 5 goals to 2, while the Columbias, playing one man short, defeated them on Beacon Hill 3 to nil, so that the teams are well matched. The Y.M. defence is pretty strong, but with such shots as H. Wilson and Berkeley there will be a hot time around their goal to-day. The Association's team is: Goal, W. H. Kinsman; backs, A. Peden and W. York; half backs, B. Schwengers, W. Lorimer and W. McKeown; forwards, H. Shandley, J. Lorimer, G. Parsons, W. Winsby (captain), and L. York. Colors—Red white and blue.

The Columbias' team have a strong combination composed of such players as C. Berkeley, H. Wilson, G. Wilson, Dier, Marshall, Burns, Nesbitt, Dalby, etc. Colors—Red and white. Kick off at 2:30 sharp; official referee, R. Livingstone.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GAME.

At 1 p. m. the ball will be kicked off in the Columbia (junior) and No. 2 Co. Boys' Brigade game, being the second in Junior League. The Boys' Brigade team is as follows: Goal, G. Temple; Backs, S. Lorimer and R. Burns; Halfbacks, R. Dunn, R. Barber and D. Mackay; Forwards, T. Peden, R. Peden, R. Johnston, J. Johnston and C. Cox. The Columbia team will be picked from the following: Brown, Wearing, Patton, Peters, George, Hiscocks, Hurd, Hurd, Wales, Cameron, Woolcock Bros., O'Brian, Solly and Wilson. Colours, Boys' Brigade, blue and white. Columbias, red and white. Official referee, L. Campbell. Kick-off 1 p. m. sharp.

SWORDSMANSHIP.

ANXIOUS TO MEET DE MALCHIN.

To THE SPORTING EDITOR:—Having taken notice that Ivan de Malchin is in town ready for another sword contest, I herewith challenge him to a mounted contest consisting of twenty-nine attacks, on the earliest possible date—the side gaining the first fifteen points to be declared winner. FRANK ELLIOTT,
Late Sergeant-Major Royal Horse Artillery and Drill Inspector Native Constabulary, Fiji Islands.

FOOTBALL.

Y.M C.A. VS. COLUMBIAS.

The following will represent the Columbias in the above match this afternoon: Goal, Dalby; backs, Nesbitt and Brown; half backs, Siddall, Winsby and Wilson; forwards, Berkeley, Marshall, Wilson, Dier and Dier. Reserves—Knox and Hayward. To meet No. 2 Co., Boy's Brigade, the Columbia team will be: Goal, Wales; backs, Wearing and Hurd; half backs, Hiscocks, O'Brien and Woolcock; forwards, Peters, Brown, George, Patton and Cameron. Reserve—Woolcock.

BASKET BALL.

The executive of the Wasps has decided to play the same team as that which defeated No. 1 company on Thursday night against the Swifts in the fifth league game on Monday night, which will be played at the Y. M. Basket Ball hall, 90 Fort street. The team is as follows: Guard, C. Marshall; defence, R. Wilson and E. M. Burns; home, F. Humber, J. Noot (Capt.), F. White and P. Marchant.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of Those Uncalled for at the Victoria Post Office on December 31.

A—Mrs. Adams, Geo. T. Allan, Mrs. Adams, H. H. Ault, W. A. Anderson.

B—P. J. Baire, E. Baker, J. Barrat, Worthington Begg, Col. E. G. H. Bingham, P. A. Biggart, A. V. Bossi, C. J. Borgstedt, Walter Borns, W. F. Brien, H. W. Behnsen.

C—A. T. Carter, M. F. Campbell [2], R. J. Campbell, Thos. G. Clouston, Mr. Clair, Jno. Clark, Mrs. Clark, Frank Cochrane, Jas. Collins, Joe Colomander, Consld. Adpt. Co., Henry Crow [2], B. H. Cross.

D—Jas. R. Darragh, F. C. David, D. Dempster, J. Denholm, Hy Doyle & Co., F. Domingouis, C. W. Dunne Dr. Duff, Marius Durand.

E—Jas. Eckersley, Alex Ewen, Harry Eyre, Mrs. E. Evanson.

F—H. Fox, J. R. Forbes, Mrs. F. Fulderman, W. F. Frelinlor.

G—W. P. Gooch, Geo. R. Gardon, Alex. Grant, J. B. Green.

H—A. Hambrook, Chas. Head, Vincent Henderson, Henderson & Denholm, Robert Hiskich, Geo. M. Hibbin, W. B. Hunt [2].

J—Aria Jonson, Chas. Johnston, H. W. Jones.

K—A. Keeping, F. Kirkland, Mike Kirby, Jas. King, Louis Knox.

L—Mr. Lawson, Pat Lavan, Mrs. or Miss M. Lawson, Alex. Lazarus (4), W. Levight, Miss H. W. Lee, Lib. Coll. Inst., Jos. Little.

M—C. E. Masters & Co., Clara Mathers, D. Mason, Klarutes Metto, Mrs. M. A. Miller, W. Monke, Ng. Mook, Miss Morrell, Mrs. J. R. Morrison, Chas. Moth, R. Mullins.

Mc—C. R. McCullogh, Rev. J. B. McCullogh, Luke McGrath, Angus McDonald, A. J. McKay, Capt. A. Maclean, A. McClelland, Jas. McMillan, Miss M. McRae.

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S—S. Sampestahn, H. V. Scott, Mrs. Jno. Scott, Geo. Shedden [3], Mrs. Geo. Sibley, Wm. Skelland, Mrs. G. Smith, Hy Smith, Miss Agnes Smith [2], F. Southerland, Miss R. Soothun, J. F. Sykes.

T—Walter Tice, Hugh Thornby, A. M. Turnbull.

V—A. Van Hugan, [2].

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PERSONAL.

G. E. Pain, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

Sheriff J. D. Hall, of Vancouver, arrived over by last evening's Charmer.

E. J. Coyle, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, was in the city for a few brief hours yesterday.

Dr. McKechnie, of Nanaimo, came over from Vancouver by last evening's steamer.

W. F. Penwill has returned to Victoria from a six months' residence in Kootenay.

Capt. Geo. W. Robertson of Vancouver, who is down to meet the incoming Australian steamer, is again at the Dallas.

Mrs. A. B. Daggatt and Mrs. M. C. Cotton, of New York, are on their way back to their Eastern home, but will spend a few days here. They are at the Hotel Victoria.

Miss Worlock, the captain, with seventeen members of the ladies' hockey team, returned from the mainland by last evening's Charmer.

THE Germania concert hall opened last night with a free smoking concert enjoyed by a packed house, who had as good a two hours' entertainment as could be expected, the result speaking well for Mr. Dudgeon's efforts to please his patrons. Mr. Hand, the manager of the entertainment, introduced some wonderful character changes ranging from youth to old age and embracing several nationalities. Prof. Le Croix, the juggler, executed great feats in trick juggling. Miss Frances Alway came in for generous recognition in her vocal selections, and Miss Adele Laromie, a charming little actress, captured her audience in the opening act, entitled, "Domestic Felicity." A noticeable feature of the entertainment was the absence of objectionable speaking or acting.

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THE SPINKS CHARGES.

Interesting Evidence as to the Hatching of the Liberal Demand for an Inquiry.

Only One of the Accusers Comes Forward and His Evidence Makes No Case.

(From the Grand Forks Miner.)

On Tuesday December 21, the much discussed investigation into certain alleged irregularities by His Honor Judge Spinks, was held at Midway by the Hon. Mr. Justice McColl, of New Westminster. Alexander Henderson represented the department of justice in placing the evidence before the commissioner, and Mr. Charles Wilson, Q. C., acted on behalf of Judge Spinks. The inquiry hinged on some letters to the Minister of Justice written by Mr. Peter McCallum, of this city; a Mr. James H. Falconer, of Victoria; Mr. James Kerr, of Greenwood.

The commission in order to give the fullest scope to the investigation, allowed every latitude in the tendering of evidence, and throughout the sitting, acted in a manner which it left it open to the parties to bring forward every possible fact which could throw light on either side of the inquiry. Mr. Wilson, also, in behalf of Judge Spinks, said he would not raise any objection to any evidence tendered.

Mr. Sidley's evidence was, with two exceptions, based on charges which he said "had been common rumor" in the whole country." One of the exceptions was as to the construction which the judge, when trying the case, placed upon a contract between two parties. The other exception was Mr. Sidley's own case, a charge of horse stealing, but of which the judge acquitted him at the time. Mr. Sidley's complaint was that he had been rather harshly treated in the matter throughout and that in this, as well as another case, the judge had manifested considerable bad feeling towards him. There were other charges of improperly granting licenses, adjourning courts, and thus causing the public inconvenience. Among the accusations, also, was one of "standing in" with certain rings.

Mr. Sidley was cross-examined at considerable length by Mr. Wilson on the different statements in the letter he wrote, but, while standing by what he had written, Mr. Sidley said that he had acted mainly in the public interest and that it was from information received from others, whose names he was willing to give in each instance, along with knowledge of his own case, that he had written what he had. He said he had nothing against Judge Spinks personally, beyond considering that the judge had acted harshly in his (Mr. Sidley's) case, and he was very sorry to see that the people who were so loud in their talk to him had not the courage to come forward and give their evidence on the commission.

Mr. McCallum was the next witness. He knew of one case where the judge postponed court and there was a prisoner waiting trial. As to his honor's showing favoritism from the bench, this statement was only made from hearsay. Mr. McCallum said he signed the letter to the Minister of Justice, and on cross-examination admitted that it was presented and read over to him in Mr. Sutton, the lawyer's, office in Grand Forks. Mr. Falconer was present at the same time. The sole intention of the witness in signing this letter was that he took it for granted that there must be something in the statements it contained, and if so they should be investigated. He took no pains to inquite into the truth of the statements himself, and he also added that he had nothing against the judge, but simply was of opinion that his honor should have an opportunity to clear himself of the charges made.

Mr. Lambly, Registrar of the county court Osoyoos, and Mr. McMynn, at Midway, gave evidence as to the postponing of courts, showing that out of some thirty court sittings set, some nine had been adjourned.

Judge Spinks also gave evidence as to the accusation that his decisions were grossly unjust and illegal. He could safely leave that to his record as shown by the results of the appeals taken. The postponing of the courts he showed was due to various cause, some of them in compliance with the request of counsel, one due to a serious illness which he contracted at Rossland and others due to bad weather, pressing official and other public causes. His honor also showed that out of all the appeals made to him from the licensing boards he had only granted one, as he was always governed by the opinion that, as magistrates were responsible for the order of their districts, they were the best judges as to a license being necessary in their locality. He went into every statement of Mr. Sidley's letter, and, from the court note books, explained to the commissioner the circumstances of the several cases mentioned by Mr. Sidley.

In answer to Mr. Sidley's closing remarks that he had nothing against Judge Spinks personally, and that there had been no collusion between him, Mr. Sidley, and anyone in setting up these charges, the commissioner said: "There is no suggestion at all, Mr. Sidley, that you are acting in collusion with any person. The only observation I permit myself to made with reference to these gentlemen who, in formulating complaints, rather vague, but in very strong terms, is this: It is not easy to understand, if they thought it their duty to make the complaints at all to the minister of justice, how they can reconcile with the exercise of that duty their conduct in not even answering the formal request made for particulars of the charges; in not appearing here, although the inquiry was brought to their doors as nearly as possible, and in ignoring the commission altogether. This is the only observation I have to make."

The commission then adjourned.

After the rising of the commission Mr. McCallum went before Mr. Norris, J.P. McMynn, registrar of county court and Mr. Jacobs special correspondent of the News-Advertiser, and made a statement to the following effect, which was put in writing and witnessed by the above gentlemen:

That the letter of accusation read at the commission that day had been presented to him in Mr. Sutton's office and he hesitated in signing it, but Mr. Sutton assured him that the other justice of the district was making complaint and it would result in an inquiry. Mr. Falconer was present when this took place. Either on that day or a subsequent date Mr. Sutton induced Mr. McCallum to sign another letter addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The purport of this letter was a recommendation that Mr. Sutton be appointed the commissioner to inquire into the charges.

On seeing Mr. Sutton he states that the letter written to Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggesting that he be appointed commissioner on the Spinks matter referred to in Mr. McCallum's declaration was written by a Mr. Falconer in Mr. Sutton's office, and is evidently a mistake on Mr. McCallum's part. Mr. Sutton further denies that he wrote any of the letters sent to Ottawa containing charges against Judge Spinks, although he admits that two of them were written in his office. He further states that proof of these statements can be obtained and will be forthcoming, and that the position he occupied in the whole matter was simply as solicitor for the parties interested.

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DIED.

HAYNES—At the family residence, 96 John St., on the 30th inst., George Washington Haynes, a native of Trenton, Maine; aged 64 years.

The funeral will take place on Sunday, at 2 o'clock from the residence as above, and a few minutes later at the Centennial Methodist Church. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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GOOD FOR CITY SERVANTS.

TO THE EDITOR: When we look at the streets of Victoria at the present time one would wonder if there was a city council at all, for there are heaps of rock around the city which would be well used if the many holes in the roads were filled; and now is the time to use them, not in the spring, and then have men to pick up the loose stones in the summer. As a ratepaper I think it is a fine thing to be a city servant, anyway under the present mayor and council, for it seems just ask and have. I for one, with many others, think the claim of extra pay for the city solicitor most absurd. If any are to be considered let it be those widows and orphans of the deceased that are so through the bridge accident. This seems a very considerate council for the city servants. The caretaker of the cemetery must have the work reduced, meaning extra expense to the city; also some $500 must be spent to add an addition to the caretaker's house when the house already contains six rooms and occupied by the one man and his wife. Other caretakers have had families and managed very well. And when one looks at the cemetery and sees how very fast it is filling, it is sure more land will have to be got for cemetery purposes, then most probably a new residence will be needed for a caretaker. Anyway it is time that a little wisdom was used in spending the city's money, and more wisdom in choosing men for city servants. A DISGUSTED RATEPAYER.

December 30th.

OUR BOYS.

TO THE EDITOR:—What to do with them? this is the important question—that something must be done is admitted by all. We must go to the source of the evil, which is in the home and in the absence of parental control. This being an incontrovertible fact, how are parents to be made to do their duty? I would say, hold every father responsible for the conduct of his son up to the age of fifteen years, and let him be punished equally with the son. Power must be given under the criminal code to flog juvenile offenders, which, together with a thin diet of bread and water for thirty days, would cool the mischevious propensities of our bad boys. The severe and speedy punishment of the parents of young offenders would, I feel sure, be a most effective means of putting an end to window breaking and petty thefts, and at the same time arouse the father to a proper sense of duty to his sons.

I would have a curfew law to compel all children under fifteen years of age to be off the street by 9 o'clock at night.

I would have a reformatory in the country with some acres of land attached, where boys could be taught gardening and different trades; reading and writing should be taught, and the reformatory be more of a training home than a prison.

Flogging under the discretion of the police magistrate I would have by all means as one of the most effective deterrents to petty offences.

In Victoria we have no waifs in the same sense as the London waif—there there are few if any children without a home, and nearly all attend Sunday school, where they get treats of tea and cake periodically—but such kind treatment will not cure the evil of badly brought up boys. One of the chief objects of the plan of reformation should be to keep boys at home at night instead of having them at the tea festivals. At the same time I fully approve of giving those of a certain age musical and intellectual treats from time to time. One of the great troubles in treating boys kindly is that the bad boy is apt to be as well treated as the good one. The broken windows and doors in different parts of the town are a disgrace to the police and civic authorities; and everyone is surprised at the very few arrests made of bad boys, and the mistaken leniency with which the police magistrate has dealt with them. If the present police force is not able to cope with the evil of window breaking, the police commissioners should hire six active young men, dressed in plain clothes, who would run in bad boys by the dozen.

Our provincial and municipal authorities cannot ignore the growing and dangerous evil of our bad boys. For the last four years the suburbs of our town have been a horrible wreck—a perfect disgrace to any place. besides that some daring thefts by boys have been committed. Leniency is a mistake; just and sharp punishment is the only remedy. A PARENT.

KLONDYKE MILLIONS.

An Oakland Man's Faith in the Value a Bonanza Claim.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Just before his departure from Dawson City, W. E. Knowles, of Oakland, Cal., who was a passenger from Alaska on the steamer Alki, purchased claim No. 2 below discovery, on the Bonanza, in the Klondyke district, paying $250,000 in cash for it.

PASSENGERS

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A SMELTER FOR VICTORIA.

Works for the Treatment of Copper to Be Forthwith Established.

Mr. Alex. Roy, the well-known Toronto chemist, who recently arrived in Victoria and has been interested in the projection of a copper smelter to be located in this city, reports the probable success of his scheme. Mr. Roy has secured the co-operation of a well-known firm in the matter, and work will be proceeded with as soon as preliminaries are settled. The company propose to use the well-known English process, which consists in smelting in reverberatory furnaces and then collecting the distilled matter, such as arsenic, sulphur, etc., and converting these into arsenious acid and oil of vitrol, thereby obtaining a higher value for the ore than would be obtained by the common American methods. The matte will then be treated by the electrolitic process, which throws out the copper in a chemically pure form and precipitates all other metals, such as nickle, gold, silver, etc., to the bottom of the bath, there to be collected and refined in the usual way. This process will give them a control of certain forms of ore over the other processes of smelting. The company expects to start work at an early date.

SIR ADOLPHE CHAPLEAU.

Quebec's Lieutenant-Governor Announces His Retirement from Public Life.

QUEBEC, Dec. 31.—(Special)—Sir Adolphe Chapleau at a farewell dinner last night announced his departure from Spencerwood. He said he simply remained because he had been asked to stay and finish the work of the session he had commenced and to sanction measures announced in the speech. He was going out of public life and he was leaving it without the least feeling of resentment against anybody. As to his successor, he was unable to say who he would be, and especially when the Premier did not know.

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